

### **Testing Checklist**

In order to get accurate test results when conducting a radon test, the following guidelines should be observed.

#### House Conditions:

##### **Short-term Radon testing:**

- ☐ Windows and doors closed for at least 12 hours before test begins, and open doors only for entry and exit during the test.
- ☐ Do not operate fans or other machines which bring in air from outside (air conditioners and furnaces are acceptable).
- ☐ Note that severe storms or high winds during test can interfere with radon test results.
- ☐ It is strongly recommended that a certified tester be contacted during a real estate transaction.

##### **Year-long Radon testing:**

- ☐ There are no specific house conditions required for year-long testing.

#### Placement within the house:

- ☐ For a real-estate transaction, the test should be placed in the “lowest livable level” which means the lowest level which could be used for living space without renovations. In real estate transactions, a buyer and seller should explicitly discuss and agree on the radon test location to avoid misunderstanding.
- ☐ Test in a frequently used room, such as bedroom or living room.
- ☐ Do not test in kitchens, bathrooms, laundry rooms, and hallways.

#### Placement within the room:

- ☐ Away from children and pets.
- ☐ Away from drafts caused by windows, doors, vents, or fans.
- ☐ Avoid areas of high heat such as near fireplaces or in direct sunlight.
- ☐ Device should be at least:
  - ☐ 12 inches from exterior wall
  - ☐ 3 feet from any window or other opening in exterior wall.
  - ☐ 20 inches above floor
  - ☐ 12 inches from ceiling
  - ☐ 4 inches from any other object.